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ROBERT M. SLEPIAN	: CIRCUIT BREAKER INCLUDING EXTENSION
	: SPRING(S) BETWEEN OPERATING
	: MECHANISM PIVOT AND OPERATING
	: HANDLE
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